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**Notice of Public Workshop and Availability of Documents for the proposed
Amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* to
Update Water Quality Objectives**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will hold a public workshop at the regularly scheduled Regional Water Board meeting on March 15, 2012 in Fortuna, CA. The purpose of the workshop is to facilitate public comments on the proposed Amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region* (Basin Plan) to Update Water Quality Objectives (WQO Update Amendment).

Background

The proposed WQO Update Amendment includes a number of actions relative to updating water quality objectives for both surface water and groundwater in the North Coast Region. These updates are proposed for both Chapter 3 (Water Quality Objectives and Chapter 4 (Implementation Plans) of the Basin Plan. The development of such an amendment to the Basin Plan was identified as a high priority on the last two Triennial Reviews of the Basin Plan adopted by the Regional Water Board.

Availability of Documents

The Staff Report for the WQO Update Amendment, including the proposed Basin Plan Amendment language (Appendices A through C) is available for download in PDF format from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/water_quality_objectives_update_amendment.shtml

Copies of this document can also be obtained from the Regional Water Board's office at 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Please call the Regional Water Board staff contact Lauren Clyde at (707) 576-2674 if you would like to pick up a copy of the available documents.

Public Workshop

The workshop for the WQO Update Amendment will provide participants with an opportunity to comment on the scope and content of the proposed amendment.

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Recycled Paper

Following the workshop, staff will review written and oral comments on the proposed WQO Update Amendment and prepare a response to comments document. This document will be released prior to the public adoption hearing which is tentatively scheduled to be held in April or June 2012. All comments received during the comment period will be included in the Administrative Record for the WQO Update Amendment. The final proposed WQO Update Amendment will be released prior to the Regional Water Board adoption hearing.

Submittal of Written Comments

Written comments on the WQO Update Amendment and Staff Report should be submitted to Regional Water Board Basin Planning staff no later than **March 29, 2012** by mailing them to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
 Santa Rosa, CA 95403
 Attn: Lauren Clyde
 Or emailing to: LClyde@waterboards.ca.gov

Public Workshop Information

March 15, 2012 Meeting	
Location:	River Lodge Conference Center 1800 Riverwalk Drive Fortuna, CA 95540 (707) 725-7572
Directions:	From South: Hwy 101 North to Fortuna – about 190 miles from Santa Rosa – take the Kenmar exit – turn Left – making a 90 degree turn – continue and Kenmar will turn into Riverwalk – River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive is across for the Union 76 gas station From North: Hwy 101 South to Fortuna – about 30 miles from Eureka – take Riverwalk Drive Exit – go 0.1 mile – continue on Riverwalk Drive – go 0.8 mile – arrive at 1800 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540
Time:	The Regional Water Board meeting begins at 9:00am. NOTE: The Public Workshop item for the proposed WQO Update Amendment will begin no sooner than 12:00 p.m.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for the meeting is available onsite. The River Lodge Conference Center is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Patti Corsi, Executive Assistant, at (707) 576-2307 or PCorsi@waterboards.ca.gov at least five days prior to the meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.